paddy, but it contains several requests with alternative suggestion. A copy of the Memorial is placed on the Council Table.

(*c*) Government did not sanction the requests in the first Memorial. The second Memorial is under consideration.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Has not the work of kole cultivation begun this year?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I think it has been started.

PADDY- ACQUISITION BY GOVERNMENT

17. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state the principle followed in giving allowance of paddy to holders of land when paddy is acquired by Government;

Has the Food Supply Department refused the grant of permit to any usufructuary mortgagee in 1119 for the transport of paddy allowed to be kept for his own use by the paddy acquiring officers in Trichur and Mukundapuram Taluks; if so the number of such permits refused and the reasons for doing so in each case?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sufficient paddy for Vithu (Seed) Valli, (payment for agricultural labour) customary and obligatory payments in kind and the minimum needs for domestic consumption, is allowed, care being taken to see that the incentive to cultivation is not adversely affected.

No such instance is known.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether there were requests from usufructuray mortgagees to transport paddy from one taluk to another?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Were all of them given permits?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In some cases it was found that the usufructuary mortgages were sham. In those cases permits were refused.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Which are the instances of that kind?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

18. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether representations have not been made to them about the great hardships and unnecessary consequence caused to landholders by the orders requiring the submission of returns to be made by them of the harvest crops on lands leased to tenants;

(*b*) will they please state whether they have thought fit to react to the representation?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government think that the existing form is necesssary.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether there is a provision that both the owner of the land and the actual cultivator should send within 7 days of the harvest due information to the Government in writing.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I would like to have the section of rule published on 3rd Thulam

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* This is the form.....

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I want to know whether in the body of the rules as framed by the Government there is not a provision that both the landholder as well as the tenant should send such returns within 7 days of the harvest.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The question was whether the landholders were not required to give the quantity of paddy. I only want to point out that there is no such rule.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Both the landholders as well as the actual cultivators, *i.e.*, the tenants should submit such a return within 7 days of the harvest.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There are two kinds of forms for the submission of the returns. Form A is the form for the land-owners and B is the Form for those owners who lease out their lands. The return must be submitted. But the actual yield need not be shown. Persons who are actual cultivators have to show the pattam due. In the case of landholders they need not show the yield in the return. So, the difficulty apprehended by the Hon'ble Member may not arise.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: It is very difficult for a person who lives elsewhere to find out on which date or in which month the crop will be harvested.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Unless we insist upon this return it will be very difficult for us to trace the actual cultivator. It is for that purpose that we insist that the land-owner should give us the information.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Would you be kind enough to state that it is enough if the name of the actual cultivator is given and also the changes of tenancy.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: This is a piece of information which could be given without any difficulty.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: This is insisted on to know the exact quantity of paddy that will be available with the landholder for purposes of acquisition. Form B applies to those landholders who are in actual possession and cultivation of the land.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether people are prosecuted for slight mistakes in the returns?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They are not prosecuted for any accidental mistakes. For deliberate attempt to defeat the Government prosecutions are ordered.

19. Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara)*:

(എ) താസിൽദാരോ അദ്ദേഹം നിയോഗിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരോ നല്കുന്ന നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ അനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു കാരണമാണെന്നു വിരിപ്പുകൊയ്ത്തിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഫുഡ് സപ്ലൈവകുപ്പിൽനിന്നും പരസ്യം ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലേ;

(ബി) ഇതനുസരിച്ചു താസിൽദാർമാക്ക് വല്ല നിശ്ചിതനിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളും ഗവണ്മെന്റു നല്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) പ്രത്യേകമായി നല്കിയിട്ടില്ല. ആവശ്യവുമില്ല.

(സി) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: തഹശീൽദാരോ കീഴിലുള്ള അധികാരപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരോ പറയുന്നതെല്ലാം കേൾക്കണമെന്നാണോ നിർദ്ദേശം?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They have been particularly instructed to be very careful in giving instructions and every complaint received is being enquired into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the deputies of the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars do not insist upon a kychit being executed by the cultivator that on harvest so many paras of paddy will be measured out to the Government.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They do not insist but in several cases such things are done. It is advantageous to both parties that they come to an agreement after looking into the figures, the probable yield, his requirements how much he could spare and that is put into writing. That is the advantage. Any officer can afterwards go and take the paddy. It need not necessarily be the officer who conducted the enquiry. So we put all the above information in writing. But it is not compulsory and we have asked the officers not to compel any one to do it.

Mr. President: Order, order. The time for questions has expired.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I point out to the Hon'ble Chair the precedent in this House and systematically followed till recently that when a question is taken up before the hour strikes, that question is allowed to be completed.

Mr. President: I am afraid I cannot follow that precedent.

20. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

the total quantity of paddy commandeered or purchased fram Talappalli and Chittur during this Kanni harvest up to 30th Thulam 1120 ?

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